Two mediocrine papers are not likely to be improved by a monopoly situation. This manipulation of shareholders is not intended to improve service to the public.

Both Blandell Bros. and the Wellington Publishing Company have been suffering lower profits, and presumably see the monopoly situation as a way of escape.

Directors of each company may well be sincere in their desire to preserve editorial freedom. The fact remains that by merging, they are providing the potential for abuse.

In an effort to justify its intended merger, the Evening Post has been throwing up smokescreens. It is nonsense to claim that what might have been termed monopoly back in 1870 is not monopoly today, because of competition from the electronic media.

Newspapers are still the most effective means of recording the life of the community. Layout can show how important the role of events, and only the press has the space and divided audience to be able to carry serious background investigations. The impact of print is less fleeting than that of radio and television.

For the privately owned press to turn and criticize the near monopoly of the N.Z.B.C. is ridiculous.

No-one imagines the shareholders or directors are in the business to perform a public service. They would probably be most happy if their papers carried only profit making advertising.

The industry’s recent moves towards monopoly reveal the hypocrisy of its defence of private enterprise. Indeed as the Evening Post bemoaned, in a different context, times have changed. And the changed times require more responsible control than private profit for what is an important public service.

Planned Newspaper Merger as ‘Real Unholy Alliance’

Thursday morning, Mr. Page’s statement warrants coverage only on the Dominion’s television page.

Friday morning, The Herald, afraid for its status as New Zealand’s second biggest company has asked Mr. Marshall if the government intended to take any action. True to form, Mr. Marshall replies that ‘the Government has not at this point of time considered that the public interest is affected to an extent which would justify legislation to deprive people of their rights to conduct their own businesses in this way.’

**LABOUR OPPOSITION**

The proposed merger between the Dominion and Evening Post means that Salient will be one of only two papers in the Wellington area not controlled by the new combined company, points out. The monthly Western Suburbs News would be the only other independent paper. Notwithstanding the assurance of containing editorial independence of both the Dominion and the Evening Post, the public must be very concerned that news and opinion outlets are being concentrated in fewer and fewer hands. Not only must editorial independence be retained, it must be seen to be retained, if the public are to have any faith in the newspapers as a source of news and information.

**DIARY OF A MERGER**

Tuesday night; Evening Post carries news of the ‘merger’ proposals in its leading story. A low key announcement emphasizing the rationalization of the economic argument. Written in such a legalistic way that it makes dull reading.

Wednesday morning. The Dominion judges the news as worthy of no more than third page treatment.

Wednesday evening. The Evening Post carries the comments of Warren Page, president of the New Zealand Journalists’ Association, under a small headline towards the bottom of its front page. Beside it, in large print is an explanatory editorial seeking sympathy from readers for the gold economic facts of newspaper life. And on page 12 somewhere is the story ‘Labour sees...’
Dear Sir,

After the N.Z. Government’s highly prestige expedition to the Arctic, with its resources, with its wealth of leadership, and with its power would be done to make the Springbook a success. The same is the answer to the problem of the future. The only way to be only bearable to find myself in sympathy with Mr. Marshall’s decision to not to obstruct those efforts. With mutual feeling people over here. So far as the apprehension of action affecting others is concerned, there must be only one issue and this concerns what shall be done. This is the issue of what action will help dislodge the ignorance which is the natural state of art, hatred, or understanding. I would presume that a society which deals not only with the prejudice against the ignorant is one which is well and sound. We cannot ignore that the African apetalical systems have been well received and that they should continue to be well received. To still be in favour of apetalical would indeed need to be blind. But blindness affects not merely to some or other, we live to eliminate.

The anti-apetalical demonstrators, apart from my statement of sympathy for Mr. Marshall, would I think, implicitly or explicitly profess to agree with me for this, for it is the force of love which dispels ignorance and surely love of the South African race is for the right valid motive for acting in the hope of effecting the change. But I have a prejudice against the apetalical, because I really believe that to love a cause is to be a better motive than for action, but because I believe that the anti-apetalical factions in this way, albeit “love” denotes a motive, then “hate” can coexist—“denies” cause. Even now, love seems to be as if the world “loves” a basis, then hate cannot coexist. The laying of one guilt and the hating of another, the world “loved” is used a purely emotional term. Emotionality can be ignored with ignorance, and it is certainly not conducive to satisfactory social action. As the anti-apetalical factions, that world “loved” has an increased opportunity for enlightenment (withstanding the prevalent belief that it is known enough in the personal sphere). Yet we will be “closed” in the bowl “social issues.” And if that be so, for this is not what the beauty of love must mean. Inconsistencies would be notable with such a world, and I am sure that the apetalical band, while they are a pack of shills for not being able to keep in the realm and that their thinness is such that they had better get out of this country until they manifest certain “change” or else “we’ll stop your ball games.” To come right to the point this is a strong, urgent, honest plea, for that world “loved” is used and is truly to want to act in the general interest of the people and to keep the Bonds with open hearts and open minds. Realize that is not the time to close your eyes. Forget your trap-come into the fantasy, your lightly narrow emotions, and start to broaden your mind and fly with Mr. Marshall (I shall no doubt give him a lift as well). Let the love start to change your heart, becoming one with social consciousness shining and flowing, constantly generating, consuming. - The Bonds are no mere meeting and 1-2. we are no mere dissolution of the world—nurturing a thorough and universal cosmic energy.

Let composition rule your hearts and sorrow anticipate the inevitable surrender which will be pronounced unless all individuals concerned through a bit more self-searching realize the possibilities of awakening this latter is to do some compassionate love and singing good vibrations and dissolving in transparency...

gil simpan.

Dear Sir,

Far be it from me to rush into print echoing these hysterial denunciations, satirizations and caricaturizations, generally, and in fact, universally, known as “Letters to the Editor”, I would not, even if I could, say my plea to such a pitch of obstinacety, and blasphemacy as may tend to confuse and discompose these pure and young minds sharply to be brightened by the preludial of your publication— if thirty persons, No, Thirty, I, my tenure to generate tunes. Be it as it may, it is not my present reformation subject to the choice of others two, nor to the choice of others two. I am endeavoring to cast unvarnished opinions on the columns in which, I am sure, my modest exposé may well appeal, nor is it to wish to add to certain consequences concerning the scope of what one would call the “premises” of expression. My own views on such public issues, and belittling to the point as alms.

It has been my privilege and pleasure for some time now to walk within these halls of scholarship, I have found, on the whole, its students to be as pleasant, interesting, well-informed and as much as I, who am not acquainted with the procedure to the small college, and as such can easily understand the not uncommon expectations of young people passing these days. One can hardly have come to my notice, however, at distant intervals, often of the two or three years. I am referring to that group of people who, through their insipidity, unpreparedness, unsafety and general conditionedness, seek to obscure the Christian religion which they profess to espouse. Allow me, sir, to request the students to be forced to be present, they—known only too well by who are.

Confused and bewildered,

Dear Sir,

The cliché denuded of “The Instagrams” will not have “certain individuals” that the institution at this time may not be in as much discussion had been informed with great sincerity that all instructors and the footballers, the latter in turn, know that you have not been an end to non-participation. I wonder whether there is a “language” to be heard and that the world will never end there. One wonders whether the institution at this time may not be in as much discussion had been informed with great sincerity that all instructors and the footballers, the latter in turn, know that you have not been an end to non-participation. I wonder whether there is a “language” to be heard and that the world will never end there.

What are these anonymous gentleman (or lad(s) don’t seem to know that we’ve heard theirs a line a thousand times before and it is frankly being coming before. As they muddled out themselves the Left is not above the petty squabbles that are in the middle of this show. They are too busy to be concerned with the above “is a parody of ‘rudy’ training” to quote Peter Gans from last weeks salient (not to mention complicity.) They too, it appears want to “build bridges”, because as any facsimilist know that is the only way step back this is the difference of the Left. All I can say is Right or Left.

J.D. Mcgovern

Dear Sir,

I would like to propose a day of sport with a purpose.

It consists of completely disrupting one of the city’s biggest department stores.

There is a certain I know where a very justiﬁed and legal action would be in the interest of a day and perhaps give it enough of a kick to act for it same time. The management’s attitude to it’s average consumer is clearly indicated by their frequent revolting for this reason.

True, I would like to see the place packed with students filling all available seats and all buying the cheapest and lowest food possible. This could then all spend two hours rating while the long line of cost would have to go into the shops to ﬁnd out they are not even seated.

The purpose of the exercise might be best done by a student or an organized appeal for some work.

Yours,

Dear Sir,

I am passed off with the so-called revolutionaries in Vic. In Forum last week Vic’s revolutionaries claimed all conscious revolutionary, from N.Z. and also suggesting the idea of a sit in at our club room, masking. Again the situation was most surprising when the apparent audience decided to do it now, what happened to our revolutionaries. One pointed to possible idle policy, a feature which should neither bother anscopic revolutionary, the other decided he would and finally decided it would be held next week. Talk about the fucking apostate students. What does Vic expect, with the so-called revolutionaries it is if they have not even lead the bloody mob ob to the hill to fight for library space but that an actual political issue so why should they bother.

Member of 1970 athletic student clubs.

National Women’s Liberation Conference April 1 and 2. (Easter Weekend)

Registration begins at 9 am, Saturday April 1st for those attending both days June 1st, 1970

First day - Teach-in at 10 am. A full programme of speakers on aspects of women’s oppression and issues around which women are becoming involved today. Topics include: Living with patriarchy, women in employment, exploitation, abortion, patriarchal property laws, women in the arts, women and Marxism. The speakers are women who are active in the movement or who are closely related to its aims. This session is open to the public.

Second day - Conference proper at 10 am. Reports from workshops on various issues. Area workshops (high school women, student women, Maori and Polynesian women, gay women, etc.) (These workshops to be continued wherever and whenever necessary in conjunction with the wishes of the participants.) Paperless of the conference, panel discussions and resolutions. This session will be open to all women, whether in groups or not. It will be closed to men. (Sorry fellows). The conference is being organised by the V.W.U. Women’s Liberation Movement. Phone 766-861 for more info!

FREE CREECHE AVAILABLE BOTH DAYS.

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REVIVAL BURSTS OUT

Two points can be made in favour of the Christian Union's lunchtime Revival Hour; the first is that the idea had not been biblically stolen from the organiser of Flippity, the second is that none of the advertising was misleading. We all knew what to ex-
pect. This last point no doubt explains why the room was filled almost exclusively by the already converted and in turn this could explain why no one laughed openly at the mighty evan-
gelist, Muri Thompson.

The deeply meaningful paraphrase usually a feature of revivals, proved in fact to be only a gimmick designed to draw the sinners within reach of Muri Thompson's powerful charisma. The sermon or exhortation, started almost immediately and followed the canonical evangelical order of service except that no collection was made for the extension of the kingdom.

The guilt-generating part of the service revealed Muri at his best, the sound doctrine, the super logic, the economy of language all contributed to the creation of an atmosphere in which the still small voice of the spirit could be heard as its source. Jesus cannot be done to the argument in so small a space, but basically Muri showed us the way across, no matter how apologetically performed, is always open to the criticism that self-interest is, deep down, the motivating factor. Now everyone knows the saying of the Gospel according to John which says 'Verily anything that thou likenst to do is a sin' so we were all straight-
way convinced in our hearts and there was a great wailing and a gnashing of teeth.

But Muri, being a man of great mercy, then revealed to us the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and taught us that if we were gen-
unely repentant then we'd get set off the hook on judgement day. It was at this point that Muri introduced his trump card, he
offered the saviour (for the first time since Isaiah passed down first) a verification of God's existence. All we had to do was go home and pray 'God, if you're real I want you to show yourself to me' and, provided we were sincere, we'd get to see God.

I was very impressed by this, so on Thursday night I thought I'd give it a try. . . . . . . . . and behold this black in a red boiler suit turns up and offers me a win with the Bowne bond if I give and I reckon this next day. He pointed out that the second part of John 10:10 read 'I came that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

by dave cunningham

IN UNIVERSITY

A week of Gathere for Jesus program in preparation for Friday
evening's rally in Civic Square culminated in a lunch-hour meet-
ing in the Union Hall at which three distinguished personalities ventured to give their accounts of a belief in Christ.

Mr Adams-Schneider, true to his 'honourable profession' (he
said it!), embarked on a vociferous discourse that at times seri-
ously threatened to challenge the accepted supremacy of Joey Graham, and judging by the response at the end of his 'campaign' the audience was either wish him from the gory or else he had indeed accomplished a miraculous conversion.

He did however state his firm belief in three basic principles of Christianity: that all men and women are equal, that they need a Saviour in Jesus and that however accepts him shall have eternal life.

His refusal to be drawn on the question of how he reconciled his belief in the equality of all men with his Perry's attitude to apar-
theth evoked some loud criticism, especially when he stated that the central problem of apartheid was political and that he had been invited to give a talk on his Christian belief, but would willingly return to a discussion on apartheid at a later date.

Marcus, after listing out as the professional teachers, spoke of
how he had 'seen the power of Christ working'. He lamented
that society was marred aesthetic and greedy and what was needed about all was love. 'Christ opens the mind and gives the love that society needs.'

From the auditorium, James K. Baxter commented that he
would not wish to quarrel with the man who recognises good but does not know where it comes from, so that claiming Christ's name

Verse For Today

And he went with a multitude into a high place and sat
under a red and white spotted mushroom and spoke to
the people saying; 'Is there any relation between all this
brain damage drugs are supposed to cause and the num-
ber of junkies who turn Jesus freaks?'
At last compulsory military service has come under the scope of an organisation which is trained to do something constructive. The Organisation for Total Military Service was recently formed in the university to oppose the whole system of compulsory military service. Those eligible not to register include those who have already registered, to send back of the idea of the Labour that they will no longer comply with the directions of the department, to or those who have been called up, and refuse to undergo military training.

On the 7th March a panel of four, Don Rourke of S.C.M., John McCready, sociologist who was leader of the Conscientious Objector, during the last war, Nigel Taylor a lawyer, and Conrad Bottinger who was involved in the 1945-46 resistance movement, discussed the whole question of resistance to military training the National Service Act of 1966. This leads to the obvious question of how this will be done. In the words of Don Rourke: "We must become politicians ourselves, and whip up support to the place where the conscience of the country is destroyed". When the public is as aesthetic and inactive as in Zhia Zanzibar. To this, Geoff Weider, and the concerns of the group would be made use of strategic pattern, distribution of energy, the justification and distribution of expenditure, and its importance as compared to health and education spending.

On the point of raising a nationwide petition it was felt that the organised cause has been understood in the public that it may not come forward to sign and therefore it might be a waste of time and effort. What other things done OMS helped achieve before it prepared to face the laws courts in a test case, which maybe inevitable if the organisation is to have any relevance at all. Don Rourke would like to see church opinion mobilised throughout the country. Since it is the church that is the prime mover in the idea of welfare, and thereby allow the whole country to cooperate with you with the intent of contemplating the moral values of the society in which we live. He would also like to see the government to be able to win by the use of the tri-union movement and the P.O.L. and thus present the authorities with a united front.

So far the group has not properly got off the ground. There has been one fruitful meeting with the former Minister of defence Mr. Thomson. Or as one of the organizers stated: "...a complete non response, he didn't respond in the slightest." Not surprisingly the group depicts the same sort of response from the new Minister holding the portfolio, Mr. McCready. Therefore the group sees the best hope forgetting the act repealed by the Labour Party. Repeal of the act has been part of Labour party policy since 1956.

At the moment the group can only put any possible objections together and present them to those who are willing to help in the field of legal advice. In this way, however, it is hoped that the group will be able to provide financial, legal and moral support to anyone who eventually comes into conflict with the establishment, forces, so that when the person on trial he will have someone that he is not forgotten, nor without allies.

The forthcoming months will see the shaping of the organisation as a coherent and forceful body to be able to get the act repealed, and if possible, the whole matter an election issue. Should you wish to help or obtain help from the organisation then ring 515-542 and ask for either Ken Howell or Nina Smith, or alternatively go to the S.C.M. cabin, which is perched on the hill in front of Rankine Brown.

ASIA: O.P.L.:

Office of the Minister of Labour WELLESLEY
9 December 1971.

The President, New Zealand University Students, Association (Inc.).
E.G. 624 At Ed. WELLINGTON.

Dear Mr. Cuthbert,

I am replying to your letter of 21 November about the availability of conscientious objector forms under the National Service Act 1961.

It is correct that forms to register for military service are available from Post Offices whereas forms for registration as a conscientious objector are only available at offices of the Department of Labour.

There are comparatively few of those required to undergo military training who wish to apply for registration as a conscientious objector. It has been found in the experience of operating the scheme that persons wishing to register as conscientious objectors often request further information on rights and obligations which is reasonably adequately answered by other Labour Department officials.

In these circumstances, it is preferable for members of minority groups to obtain sufficient information from qualified persons rather than obtain information of a general nature only which may not apply to their particular case. For these reasons, the O.P.L. has arranged that a distribution on campus throughout the country.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Manhill.
The anti-apartheid conference which met at Victoria University last weekend began to pre-
pare the groundwork for bringing New Zealand's relations with the white racist regime in
South Africa into line with the international pressure to stop the regime, and building up support and assistance for the liberation movements fighting those regimes.

The greatest impact on the people attending the conference was made by Miss Freda Guilmant, and Executive Member of the ANC in America, who appeared to attack Miss Gandhi with the question of violence during the course of her address, and emphasized that the ANC had decided to choose armed struggle in fighting the Afrikaner regime not only to take over the state but also because of the necessity of self-defence of the non-white people in South Africa against the Barretta regime's op-
position.

She said that the South African people had to choose between the non-violent route to the anti-racist struggle of World War II, people had decided that violence was the only way to the sacrifice: "I say violence is the necessary path, if we are to be the winners of the battle." The Sharpeville massacre in 1958 had been neither new nor unique in the history of opposition against the South African Government. For years peaceful protests had been met with violence from the government, and finally the ANC had chosen the path of armed struggle. Gandhi no longer believed that non-violence could be successful. "That has been seen in South Africa, but it could only suc-
sceeed where the government respects human freedom.

"INVESTMENT"

Earlier, Logan Moodley, a South African whose citizenship was withdrawn by the South African Government in 1954 and who has been active in the struggle for Aboriginal Civil Rights in Aus-
arlia, expressed his view that during the present conference there was a new inter-
nationalism between the apartheid regime and the rest of the world. He mentioned that South Africa is important to Western imperialism - France is the only effective power in western Africa, which gives aid and support to various regimes in South Africa, and help to certains to Tanzania from white racism governments. Instead Nixon has chosen to come to his own. Nixon's government has termed that the "guerilla" was going to stay region. The independence of the African people, and the struggle for freedom, begins in Angola. Britain's position was exactly the same as the U.S. Over the past decade, the British and Portuguese colonizations in the U.K. and Angola. Because of the close relationship between Portugal and the British, the Portuguese and British troops and material should not be allowed to enter British. U.S. aid to Portu-
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Another important contribution to the conference came from Terry Belt who talked about the Afri-
thed propaganda machine in South Africa. Terry Belt was a journalist in South Africa and now
works in Johannesburg. He said that apartheid is not limited to South Africa. Verster who was detained during the Second World War for fascist activities had been held at the South African Nazi concentration camp in South Africa. Apartheid was an expla-
nation of how South Africa was using the Herrenvolk ideal of a world order to the rest of the world. So-called "apartheid propaganda today, he said, was "the same vile pill given a very wide publicity". The conflict, he said, came out of the South African propaganda: Firstly the official propaganda mainly through the Department of Information. There is a semi-official and "in-
dependent" forms of propaganda by film companies, which have supplied the S.B.C. with films.

"Capitalism and racism go hand in hand" said Moodley. Mail newspaper were also part of the liberal type of apartheid media. This is because the South African Government is a liberal democratic media, such as, "England don't boycott us" was the most dangerous form of apartheid propa-
ganda. After studying some of the more notpious forms of South African propaganda, such as news-
paper articles by bonfire-during-potlatch in the pay of the South African Government, Belt conclud-
ingly "This is our fight and anybody who does not regard it as such should not be here." The South Afri-
cans, he said, "are in need of a new wave of people, but we survive because we believe in them.

TACTICS

The most important practical part of the conference was the meeting of tactical planning groups. The plan was the "first day of the conference: Thursday morning. These groups reported back to the full Conference on Sunday afternoon, and their reports with minor alterations were put into a draft and referred for action to the proposed national Co-ordinating Committee which will be established

The Diplomatic Planning committee decided that Philip's activities could be countered by off-
ering speakers to groups who invited him to talk. For example, for a basic speech with the necessary
atical activities in South Africa, and instead N.Z.

SPORTING CONTACTS

The Sporting Contacts planning groups gave strong support to the Apartheid Conference. The 1973 Springbok Tour of New Zealand. This was a big event, with extensive opposition to the tour. It was held at the University of Auckland, and some students who had collapsed during the tour. There were several dis

PUBLICITY PLANNING

The final group to report was the Publicity plan-
ning group whose main recommendation was to de-
velop a full time paid co-ordinator of activity with an energetic publicity work. Before the Con-
ference concluded with discussion about the present situation of the apartheid movement, a res-
olution passed by Pat Kelly relating to support a boycott of goods from South Africa. It was agreed to employ the chairman of the Rugby Union, Jack Sullivan, as the National Rugby Rep. The action from this conference has still to come, and will only come from harder work and better publicity by the anti-Apartheid groups in New Zealand. The main thing about this conference is that it provided an impetus for ac-
tion for a lot of people who had opposed apar-
thetism in varying degrees before. There is one im-
portant point which should not be forgotten by all those who profess an adherence of apartheid and all that evil.

By Peter Brogden - "Front Page"
2,4,5-T - JUST

by Dr. ROBERT MANN
Lecturer in Biochemistry,
Auckland University

The weedkiller 2,4,5-T is presently sold in New Zealand contains significant levels of an impurity called dioxin which causes malformations in human babies. Present government warnings and restrictions on 2,4,5-T are seriously inadequate. Farmers should welcome sensible restrictions on 2,4,5-T because it is their babies that are most threatened, and in any case 2,4,5-T may well be harmful to stock and pasture. The government should immediately ban domestic and aerial spraying of 2,4,5-T.

Dr. Mann was a student at Victoria from 1959-53 when he completed his MSc. He then went to Berkeley University, California, five years with the Nobel prize-winner (and Dow director), Melvin Calvin.

This article was rejected by the NZ Farmers because their editor thought he would be "irresponsible" to print it while the special government subcommittee is investigating the matter and because the Dow Company might withdraw its advertising.

The Dow company's magazine Service has vigorously supported the use of 2,4,5-T.

SCIENTIFIC FACTS:
Since the thalidomide disaster it has been common knowledge that chemicals which do not harm a pregnant woman may, during the first few months of pregnancy, cause malformations of the fetus. Commercial 2,4,5-T contains an impurity which is one of the most powerful poisons known and is especially potent in causing malformations to pregnant mammals. This impurity is called 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin, commonly abbreviated "dioxin". To summarize briefly a lot of scientific research, it could be said, in the end, that the maximum safe dose of dioxin is in the region of 1/2000 milligram per kilogram of body weight. Since drug doses are usually quoted in terms of weight of drug per unit of animal body weight, we set up the approximation microgram/kg for "milligrams of a gram per kilogram body weight." The tolerance is then stated as the ratio of the rat to the fatal-toxic effects of dioxin: daily doses of 0.02 microgram/kg, in early pregnancy cause fetal damage in the hamster.

Of course we do not know how potent dioxin is in pregnant women, it might be less potent than in animals. On the other hand, it might be more potent. Thalidomide is 700 times more potent at causing malformations in humans than in hamsters. Since we cannot deliberately dose women with such dangerous drugs, we must (as our minister of agriculture pointed out last year) calculate the maximum safe human dose from experiments on animals. In such calculations, the World Health Organization recommends a safety factor of 2,000; this is reasonable, in view of the possibility that humans are far more sensitive to this particular drug than the animals which have been tested. Applying this safety factor, and using results obtained from experiments on animals, we conclude that the most dioxin a pregnant woman should take is around 0.000003 microgram/kg daily. On the other hand, if we extrapolate from the hamster results, we would conclude that even a daily dose as low as 0.00001 microgram/kg daily would be dangerous in a pregnant woman.

U.S. GOVERNMENT RESPONSES:
In April 1970, during the U.S. Senate subcommittee meeting on 2,4,5-T, the U.S. Government estimated use of 2,4,5-T at 40,000,000 pounds a year in the country around the home. Also the aerial spraying of Vietnam with 2,4,5-T was stopped, because of the danger of causing malformal babies.

The ban on water and home use of 2,4,5-T were not appealed by the manufacturers of 2,4,5-T but the crop ban was: two manufacturers (Dow and Hercules) asked for a scientific advisory committe to review the decision. This committee reported to the Environmental Protection Agency in mid-1971, recommending that some of the restrictions on 2,4,5-T be lifted. However, this report was virtually disregarded by prominent scientists. They pointed out that the report assumed a low dose of dioxin would have no effect, whereas scientific tests had been unable to discover a "no-effect dosage" that the report had wrongly dismissed the possibility of dioxin's accumulation in body tissues; and that the benefit had not been weighed against the risks. The report was in fact rejected by the administrator of the EPA, Mr. Ruckelshaus.

Another investigation of 2,4,5-T was made by the President's Science Advisory Committee. moh105p page report (March 1971) did not recommend lifting the restrictions on use of 2,4,5-T. It did however recommend that the dioxin content be strictly limited to 0.5 ppm and preferably 0.1 ppm.

The state of Massachusetts (population over 5,000,000) has a special Pesticide Board, which voted on April 28 1971 to ban all spraying of 2,4,5-T because of the potential hazard to health.

In short, then, considerable progress has been made in the U.S.A. toward protecting people from this danger.

DANGER TO HUMANS:
How serious is the risk to people from the dioxin in 2,4,5-T? The bulk of NZ 2,4,5-T is made in New Plymouth by Ivin's, Dow, who state that their product contains only about 0.5-0.8% per million. This may seem an impressively low impurity, but in fact even this level is significant. The most obvious way a woman could take a dangerous dose of dioxin from 2,4,5-T is through drift of aerial spray. Farmers and advisory officers agree that the fact that sprays last from the air can and do drift for miles even on fairly calm days. If such a spray drifted onto a farm roof from which drinking water is collected, even the 0.5 ppm of dioxin in the 2,4,5-T could administer a daily dose of about 0.01 microgram/kg to a woman in the house. This figure was calculated by the chairman of the Agricultural Chemicals Board.

Mr. Clark, he points out that this is very likely, but that it is possible. If we now compare this possible dose from aerial spraying with the maximum safe dose indicated by experiments on animals, given above, we notice that this dose was so low that the man would be thousands of times the safe level. Even within this fact, we may have already consumed dioxin in this way.

NZ GOVERNMENT RESPONSES:
The Agricultural Chemicals Board is charged with stating what are safe levels on behalf of the public health and is exercising this. The chairman of the Board, Mr. Clark, has calculated that this accidental drift of seriously-dosed 2,4,5-T could give pregnant women a daily dose comparable to those known to cause fetal abnormalities in animals. This means that there is one clearly feasible way in which 2,4,5-T could cause human birth defects. There exists, therefore, a clear case for public warning and for restricting human exposure. Mr. Clark, however, has never publicly reiterated his statement of 5 Dec 1970: "There is no evidence to show that fetal abnormalities in humans could be caused by 2,4,5-T. This statement was inferred by the Registrar of the Board, Mr. B.B. Watts, who on 4 Dec 1970 said that the latest reports received by the Board showed no evidence to suggest that 2,4,5-T is in any way hazardous to human health. These claims have been reaffirmed in subsequent broadcasts by both Mr. Clark and Mr. Watts. Furthermore, they persistently state that there is no evidence of this and human babies have been heavily sprayed with 2,4,5-T (though not so heavily as parts of the Wallisara!) Some evidence of increased birth defects. "Time" of 10 May 1971 quoted an American doctor in a Saran hospital as saying that every baby he knew in South Vietnam believed to have been increased in birth defects in the sprayed areas. The New York Times Weekly Review (Melbourne ed.) of 10 Oct 1971 stated: "There has been a significant increased incidence of birth defects among Vietnamese infants, at the wartime rates but a paucity of medical records prevents absolute verification". There is, then, no final scientific proof but there is certainly, contrary to Messrs Clark and Watts' repeated statements, some evidence that humans have been harmed by 2,4,5-T. Further

2,4,5-T used as a desiccant to dry out grass before burning and clearing.

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A WEED KILLER?

Dow routinely conducts animal feeding studies as part of toxicology research on herbicides. Rabbits (Meloland White) are used in some experiments.

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**WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?**

1. In view of the grave risks, aerial application of 2,4,5-T should be banned forthwith where there is any danger of exposure of humans.

The Minister of Agriculture has the power to do this. Farmers should not object, because:
(a) the main real need for aerial spraying of 2,4,5-T is to backbush hill country where it should be possible to control rigidly the spraying on any but completely still days, and beyond a radius of many miles from any people;
(b) there may well be risks of deformed and/or dead lambs. After all, it's not much use to kill...
BOOK REVIEW

Confrontation '51 by Michael Bassett
Reply to Tony Simpson's review by Peter Franks.

It is a pity that Tony Simpson was so wrapped up in his particular view of how history should be written that he could find no time in his alleged review of Mike Bassett's Confrontation '51 to talk about the 1951 Lockout. Mike Bassett, it appears, does not write history the way Simpson likes it - so Simpson has to resort to irrelevant arguments about, for example, whether Bassett is a revolu-
tionary, to pad his review. Simpson accuses Bassett of being boring - and then proceeds to trot out the boring facts that he (a) has read a short story by Noel Hilliard, (b) knows an old I.W.W. song, and (c) sh KKs with whores, or at least knows they tell "imnum-
cerable anecdotes and tales" about the 1951 Lockout in the pub.

Simpson does not claim that Bassett's account of the lockout is inaccurate or wrong. In fact he says that "if one wants the facts on the '51 Lockout they are here..."

His only criticism of Bassett is that he does not express the feeling of the time."

...the record of men and wo-
men who felt and thought in certain ways on both sides." Such an approach to the '51 Lockout is incom-
patible with Bassett's chronological and analytical ap-
proach. The question Simpson raises by this criticism is simply whether Bassett's book presents an explanation of the lockout which is not readily available elsewhere, and which offers some historical lessons from this particu-
lar event.

Simpson's criticism of Bassett might have some point if literature on the lockout was more readily available. However, Confrontation '51 is the first full account of the '51 Lockout to be published which attempts to explain what happened and why in a reasonably objec-
tive way. Dick Scott's 151 Days which was first published in 1922, expresses the whores' point of view in an angry and partisan way, which is hardly surprising. Unfortunately, bigotry against wateriders is still strong enough in New Zealand to make 151 Days easily dis-
regarded, because it is partisan. 151 Days rates with The

Thespis Story of the Water Strike, by Harry Holland, "Ballot Box" and R.S. Ross as a great record of the struggles of militant unions in New Zealand. However, Bassett's academic objectivity will serve better in show-
ning what did actually happen in 1951. And there are 728 (footnotes) for those who doubt Bassett's word, to check.

The lessons of the 1951 Lockout for those people who support militant trade unionism in New Zealand are

quite apparent from Confrontation '51 even though Bassett does not spell them out explicitly.

Firstly, the ease with which the National Government of the day could break the Wateriders' union and their allies is quite apparent. Since 1951 the law has certainly not improved for militant unions. It is just as easy, if not easier for the Government, whatever its political

colour, to pick off militant unions today as it was then - for example the Seamen's Union deregistration last year.

Secondly, the '51 Lockout shows how one-sided the press in New Zealand can become in a showdown bet-
ween government and employees, and militant unions.

The N.Z.B.C. today, however, is certainly far more independent than the Broadcasting Service was in 1951. But the press bigotry against the wateriders over the container dispute last year shows that the daily press is still a strong weapon against militants.

Thirdly the Labour Party's impotence in 1951 shows how helpless Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition can be when the Government decides to squash militant unions. In any case the 1953-49 Labour Government had pro-
vided a good deal of the legislative machinery for Holl-
and's National Government to use against the wateriders.

Finally, the serious divisions in the New Zealand labour movement after the Second World War, between the moderate arbitrationist unions under the leadership of the Federation of Labour, and the militant unions under the Wateriders' leadership, were possibly the main fac-
tors enabling the Government to defeat the whores and their allies so easily. P.F. Walsh, the P.O.L. Vice-Pres-
ident in 1951, in fact fought alone Words A. in smashing the whores; a performance unlikely to be repeated again so blatantly. However the present P.O.L. leadership is, by and large, moderate and apparently un-
willing to take on the Government in any serious fight,- again, the deregistration of the Seamen's Union,

Bassett's study of the 1951 Lockout in fact expresses many of the weaknesses of militant unions in New Zea-
land, and should therefore be seriously studied by mili-
tant unionists and their supporters. Those who are taught at university, (and those who teach), that New Zealand is a liberal democracy would do well to read Bassett's book, and ponder about the 'rights' of our trade unions. Finally perhaps Tony Simpson should read Confrontation '51 again, and try to suppress his obvious desire to put Bassett down. I humbly suggest that Simpson might learn that the history of militant unionism in New Zea-
land is a history of serious struggles and defeats - a little more in fact, than jolly anecdotes and old 'Welshy' songs. That is, of course, if he is serious when he talks about revolution.

NO BULLSHIT?

TOO MANY OF OUR LECTURERS ARE LIKE OUR POLITICIANS - SPEAK A LOT BUT SAY NOTHING.

NOT THAT THIS IS ABOUT POLITICIANS – IN FACT IT'S MORE ABOUT LECTURERS. NOW THAT THE HASSLE OF THE FIRST FEW WEEKS IS OVER AND MOST HAVE SETTLED DOWN TO ATTEND THE OLD LECTURE ITS TIME TO REVIEW THE TYPES OF LECTURERS THERE ARE, AND TO MENTION WHY YOUR NOTES AREN'T GOING TO BE ALL THAT GOOD TO SWAT FROM.

AFTER ALL, SWATTING'S A DRAG ANYWAY, BUT HELL ITS WORSE IF YOU BLOW YOUR BRAIN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND YOUR NOTES. NOT THAT POOR NOTES ARE YOUR FAULT–OFTEN ITS THAT OF YOUR LECTURER.

YOU'VE GOT THE REAL HOPELESS CASES, AND THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE AS WELL AS YOU DO. THERE'S AT LEAST A COUPLE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE USUALLY CHARACTERIZED BY POOR PRESENTATION–READING RATHER THAN LECTURING, AND WHO CAN'T TAKE NOTES AT THE SAME RATE AS SOMEONE TALKING? UNLESS YOU CAN DO SOME FORM OF SHORTHAND ITS BAD NEWS. THEY'VE EITHER BEEN IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR YEARS OR CAME INTO IT FROM AN HONOURS CLASS. EITHER WAY THEY PROVIDE YOU WITH PLENTY USELESS NOTES BECAUSE YOU CAN'T KEEP UP. MIND YOU ALL BAD NOTES AREN'T CAUSED BY BAD LECTURERS – THERE ARE OTHER INFLUENCING FACTORS SUCH AS NOISE OR JUST PLAIN POOR NOTE TAKING TECHNIQUE. GENERALLY THOUGH, BAD NOTES CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO POOR LECTURING.

NOW YOU COULD TAKE THE BULL THAT WE STARTED OFF WITH BY THE HORN AND KICK UP THE SHIT BY TRYING TO GET THAT CERTAIN LECTURER REMOVED.

OR YOU COULD AVOID THE EMBARRASSMENT OF THAT AND TAKES A SHORT COURSE IN SHORTHAND AND GET ALL WHAT HE SAYS DOWN ANYWAY, SOMETHING LIKE 80 WORDS A MINUTE, YET USING THE BASIC LONGHAND ALPHABET WITH ONLY A FEW FOREIGN SYMBOLS. TO LEARN A COURSE LIKE PITMANSCRIPT IS EASY AND QUICK. YOU TAKE IT ON SATUR-
DAY MORNING–12 OR THEREABOUTS WHEN YOU DON'T DO ANYWAY. IT ONLY COSTS SIX BUCKS FOR THE FULL COURSE AND $4.50 OF THAT IS TAKEN UP WITH BOOKS. REALLY IT'S A GOOD CHEAP WAY TO PASS UNITS WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF SWATTING FROM TEXTS, BORROWING NOTES AND BLOWING YOUR BRAIN GENERALLY.

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR PITMANSCRIPT EITHER AT THE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION OFFICE OR ENQUIRY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF WHITCOMBE–THE SAME FLOOR AS YOU FOUND YOUR TEXT BOOKS.
BAXTER, WHY DON'T YOU COME DOWN FROM THE CROSS?
'The Band Rotunda' by James K. Baxter.
Reviewed by Owen Gibson.

A group of alcoholics were parading outside The Band Rotunda, shouting, "Baxter, Why Don't You Come Down From The Cross And Be Buried?" and "God Is A Bad Scout For The Meth!" They claimed to be demonstrating because they could not afford admission to or were denied any part in a play which dealt with them. Their protest was answered with their deprecating and chastising their void, interstitial speech in a bleak, truncated poetry. (All alcohols are intellects - that's the whole point of The Band Rotunda.) At a time when most alcohols are unemployed, the use of slave labour to act out the spiritual problems of the alcoholic intellect was an insult to people who drink real meths and occasionally try Commodity wine as well. "I've never broken into a vestry to get the altar wine like some people I could name," a spokesman for the demonstrators said, "but I wouldn't mind trying it on for a week or so. And I could stick a sheila on the stage a damn sight better than that guy Murray Alfred. How can all those people who never drink meths straight in their lives speak for us? What Unity Theatre needs is ALKIE POWER." At this stage as Byron Buck-Constable entered the theatre, the demonstration turned violent and after a scuffle in which I was threatened several times with broken mallets. I retreated into the theatre offices to call the Salvation Army, who beat up several of the demonstrators with jugged castanets.

Selilent's preview of James K. Baxter's play The Band Rotunda (an official Unity Theatre advertising handout made in a desperate attempt to counterbalance the effects of the Selilent review) declared its one accurate statement, that in the play, "Baxter's concern for the plight of man is left for the actor to interpret." The actors certainly do have a big responsibility in this play, as they are let down successively by the playwright, the producer, the stage manager and the wardrobe mistress at the play progresses. The meaninglessness of the whole play - as Baxter explained afterwards, a play written to expose Patrick Catholicistian must lack meaning - consistently ignored by a good cast which manfully and womanfully substituted their stage experience for the playwright's incompetence. Bill Smith as Concrete Gravy gave personality to a character Baxter conceived as depersonalized man searching for identity; and Ray Fynd, as Jock Ballastane and Snowy Lindsay, managed to turn their roles as drunken philosophers into something much more closely resembling decent gormless alcoholics. Even Margaret Bell as Rosie O'Rourke, in spite of her own, and Baxter's middle-class inhibitions, came near to being a sobering pub plaguee rather than Baxter intended. Baxter explained afterwards that she was really intended to be a Women's Lib advocate (her best line echoes Kay Googler in a demand that God, Baxter and Unity Theatre, sometimes known as the Holy Trinity, provide her with "only one decent man") who wants to start a social revolution in order to raise six songs with the Catholic Church's blessing.

The costumes, clearly borrowed from the City Mission for the occasion, are far too clean (when did you last see a method with a clean suit?), none of the shoes are down at heel (they are just splattered with paint), and in spite of the play's publicity poster all the actors are completely clean-shaven. Anybody in the cast could have wandered down past the library and made an ideal day for him by swapping Unity's clean City Mission clothes for sweat, beer and tobacco-stained, torn used clothes, but if the cast were afraid even to avoid shaving for a week in the cockles at work commented, any smooth contact with the people whose lives they parody would be a bit much to ask. I felt out of place at the theatre, too; the atmosphere with the clutter of the furniture, unironed, uncreased, long and totally untrimmed beard - made me look more like an artist than anyone else in the theatre. But as a better Catholic than Baxter once said, human kind fears too much reality.

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Pauline looked across at Dr. Peter Schufield, his white smile illuminating the operating theatre, both with light and confidence. A small flutter wavered in her heart, settled, and came forth as a sigh. Peter looked over, flashed her a smile and returned to work. Slowly the minutes and all unfolded before them and Pauline felt the lump in her throat tighten. At last the baby was of the world hanging by an ankle, half way between life and death. A moment passed without a sound. Schufield looked at the young child, shrugged and gave it a hefty sip on its bottom. Without warning the baby lurchted over, looked the doctor in the eye and smiled. "What's the matter, ya bastard, can't you give a man time to marshal his thoughts?" Timothy Richard Shebdon has never looked back.

"Would you tell me please, which way I ought to go from here?" That depends good deal on where you want to go to," said the cat.
Alicia in Wonderland
Lewis Carroll

In The Magistrates' Court
Held At Auckland
C.R.No.238247/1
Police
V
Timothy Richard Shebdon

Date of Hearing: 9 July 1971
Date of Sentence: 9 July 1971

Defendant in Person

Notes Of Evidence Taken Before (BLIP) (BLIP) Esq., SM.
The Court: You are charged on this 21st of March you did utter indecent language in a public place, namely Albert Park, to which you pleaded not guilty. Is that correct?
The Defendant: Yes.
The Court: You may sit down and you probably know the form.

In our very fine system of justice one of the main principles of law is that your present court appearances can't be revealed until you are found guilty. Every man is innocent until proven guilty. So when (BLIP) said "You probably know the form" he was saying "You're a scumbag, you have been accused in court before. You're a guilty man." He had been judged a criminal before I sat down. A good magistrate is one who doesn't get too deeply involved in the battle between defence and prosecution. (BLIP) my case on about eighty different occasions. It was like playing a game of rugby and getting penalised eighty times, when the other side doesn't get penalised at all. That sort of thing doesn't happen too often in rugby but it happens every day in court.
The Prosecutor: Helen Claire Bowfield (Sister)
The Prosecutor: I believe your full name is Helen Claire Bowfield and you reside at Flat 9, Alston Road, Mount Eden... Yes. And your occupation?... Nurse aid.
These were when they were used, did they have any effect on you?... Yes.
What effect?... They offended me.
Thank you.

Transcript of Trial 9 July 1971

They've fined me a hundred dollars and now they don't want to put me in jail and every time I get a press report I say "AND I'm just on the verge of going into jail" and why haven't I heard a WORD from them. 'Ya know, when I was in court they said you've got two weeks to pay this or we'll take IMMEDIATE AND PROMPT AND INSTANT ACTION, and that was about four months ago and I've been standing around yelling every since "I'M ON THE VERGE" and 'THEY'LL PUT ME IN JAIL SOON", but I think it's the last thing they want to do because the last time I was in Mt Eden there was a riot two weeks later and they all thought it had been over and they're so horrified about letters - I think all they do is mean about the food but they see it as a real deep seated political rebellion inspired by left wing comies.
Tim Shebdon
Earwig No. 6

"I know no whether laws be right, or whether laws be wrong,
All that I know is who be in god
That is the wall is strong."

Oscar Wilde
Ballad of Reading Gaol

Brian Edwards' Friend The Psychiatrist
The courts are tempting the police to smash a guy in the guts until he confesses. Society can scream indignantly, 'Prove it', but I don't intend to prove here that cops assault people at Central to gain confessions. I know it happens, the cops know it happens, anyone who's been involved with crime knows it happens. Only the stupid, the ignorant and the magistrates say that it doesn't happen sometimes comment on the truth.
Tim Shebdon

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Publisher's note - Bullshit and Jellybeans

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"Yes," the prosecutor said. "But what sort of age would you think Rupert is to your mind? what sort of aged bear would you think?"
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The Oz Trial
Tony Palmer

They told me they were going to Mount Eden but drew me to Central. When I protested they just laughed. I told them I wanted to speak to a lawyer and they told me to "Shut up or you'll shut up all." Detectives (BLIP) got me into this small room and started questioning. I refused to even open my mouth. (BLIP) threw the first punch. I told him I hadn't been charged with anything and they had no right to charge me and (BLIP) had his sleeves rolled up: he punched me, questioned, punched and questioned while (BLIP) held me in the chair. Then they dragged me against the wall and really started hammering. I tried to keep standing but I was going dizzy — my guns were screaming for mercy and I was wisened. As I felt one grabbed me by the hair and I felt a rabbit killer. You bastards, I hope you're proud of yourselves. (BLIP) had me in an armlock and was stretching me out so that I couldn't buckle (BLIP) was punching me in the guts and stepping hard, vicious belts around the head. They had me on the floor now and an old wound on my arm opened up. "By the time we've finished with you, you'll crawl out of here Bower," When I came to Hulton was sitting beside me. He was really nice to me and said he was sorry and that he didn't want to see me hurt. This is an old police trick and I told him nothing."

John Bower
Bullshit & Jellybeans

From the Publisher

The liberal and deformation laws in this country are so disliked and protective of the status quo and lawyers so much in disagreement about what may constitute deformation that we've had a hard job deciding what to do. We do know that the courts would be hard on author, publisher and printer of this book if they had half a chance. We don't want to give them that chance, nor pay our thousands to consensual members of the establishment. So, where is it possible that a judge of our Supreme Court could direct a jury that a passage may possibly have a degradatory meaning, we have inserted a (BLIP). You may cut it playing safe, we just want to publish more books like this, while creating an environment in which the laws of defamation, libel and contempt of court may be liberalized.
Where a passage may possibly be construed as obscene, we have inserted (BLIP), but you will note that this is used sparingly and we fully expect to be taken to the Independent Publications Tribunal eventually.

Richard Neville Ed. (Noel), The New Zealand Listener, 22 March 1971

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Judge: What's the problem now?
Leary: Kirby is another word the witness (Richard Neville Ed. Noel) didn't like.

Judge: Which one (advertisement in School Kids) are you looking at now?

Judge: Oh, so sorry, I was looking at Vintage, Lintons.

Leary: My Lord, sorry. Rubber gear, men dressed as maids, leather gear, all perversion.

The Oz Trial

"Now I'm into my next book, I'm looking forward to receiving lots of letters"

Tim Shebdon

Bullshit & Jellybeans

friendly:
Dear Tim,
I would drop you a line to tell you I was impressed with your book Bullshit & Jellybeans... Dear Tim, I am an "oldie" I suppose by your terms ... and I find your book crystallizes in my mind what my protestes are all about.

frisky:
Dear Tim,... the end gets closer and at ever increasing speed. Maybe it's already too late. Maybe one can be too cynical and give up hope but maybe there's hope springs eternal in the human breast... fantastic:
I do like your perverted life is an abomination to the name of man. 

disputing:
Fifth:
You will gain little with your sordid little work...
CHARLIE BYRD: GUITAR ARTISTRY RIVERSIDE

Charlie Byrd, guitar; Keter Betts, bass; Buddy Deppenschmidt, drums.

Reviewed by Philip Alley.

In recent years when guitars have come equipped with successively more sophisticated hardware, we rarely hear the instrument as just naked wood and strings. Who nowadays plays in a modern idiom without even an amplifier? Charlie Byrd is one of the few jazz guitarists to learn his craft from sources other than jazz. Byrd found his inspiration in both folk music and the classics.

He studied the classical guitar with Sophocles Papas and Andres Segovia, and learned the literature of traditional guitar from 16th and 17th century Europe to modern Latin-American concert music. But he also heard folk music - flamenco, Hungarian and the Country Blues.

There are instances when you can point to those influences in his playing, but the guitar instrument as a whole is by Byrd's real influence. He thinks guitar - its tone, its chords, its rhythms and how they are produced. His succession to the technical ability to say what he thinks and feels about his instrument.

In contrast with most other contemporary forms of music, Byrd's jazz has nothing to say. It's pure revelry and a quiet, light and easy kind, but conducive to catatonia nonetheless, by its pure rhythms and striking clarity. And it comes as one helluva relief from the harshness of a lot of rock.

For a while the album struck me as being dated - it seemed too sweet and rosy - the way the world looked from.hicls class coffee bars. It's also the sort of music that can slip into the background very easily. There are no abrasive musical obscenities. Charlie Byrd uses an unfamiliar lead instrument in jazz, but still this is perfectly honest and good music.

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DVORAK

Symphony No 9 - "From the New World" New Symphony Orchestra of London cond. Enrique Jorda. HMV Eclipse ECS 522 stereo.

Reviewed by Gordon Burt.

How pleasant, when asked to review a recording of a work whose theme is entirely distasteful, not to have to hide a begrudging admission that the piece is well played and recorded behind protest at this perpetration of a bouquet of Bohemian folk-tones in the name of "symphony". Dvořák's symphonic music may be poetry silly, but it was never so gross as to warrant the debacle to which it is subject in this issue which appears as a compendium of errors of modern recording.

The sound is completely artificial - for once the proverbial kerƬsoke tis does seem appropriate - a curious and highly metallic sheen which is utterly unreal, I am shocked at the amount of out-of-tune playing, unclear rhythmic articulation, dynamic imbalance and the continual "whipping-up" of the climaxes (eloquent enough as they stand), in a manner beloved of fashionable young men of a pedantic inclination, of the得意ard of Dr. Graham's evangelisers. Mr. Jorda often takes a curiously literal view of the score markings which leads him into areas of artificiality at the introduction of the Scherzo so fragment the phrase as to render the musical shape quite meaningless. The record surface on the review copy is unpardonably noisy and there are some bad editing slips And so on.

The label may be a cheap one although the copy submitted does not say so. Let the makers peddle "economy" let me add that that is the last excuse or reason which I will accept in justification of the sort of nonsense here permitted. It might be appropriate to suggest some kind of protest against the monolithic commercial recording structure by ignoring its effort in the present contemptible case, and showing that it cannot assume that any half-witted performance of big-name, second-rate music will be lapped up by a gullible buying public.

If there are people who will buy this disc, good luck to HMV. If you must have a recording of the piece, don't buy this one. It is very, very nasty.

“GALACTIC ZOO DOSSIER,”
with ARTHUR BROWN.

Kingdom Come

Polydor.

Reviewed by Roger Smyth.

"Music started as a lloon for me, then it got serious and now it's a lloon again." So said Arthur Brown of his association with new group Kingdom Come. Superficially at least, it would seem that Brown has changed from the days of this Crazy World. Gone is god of hell-fire painted faces, flashing teeth, black magic and primitive basicness. Instead we are confronted with a barrage of electronics, bizarre science-fiction and heavy up-dated driving music. The primitive Arthur Brown is replaced by the futurist surreal one. But beneath it all, the sobbing shrieking voice is unchanged, only transferred to the setting of a new age.

Galactic Zoo Dossier starts with deceptive timidity with a religious message (tongue held firmly in cheek) audible from amid a confused pile up of voices, but then proceeds to range (or perhaps ramble) over a large number of modern musical forms, heavy orthodox stools are swallowed in majestie organ, while on some tracks the listener is treated to speeded up tapes, unorthodox organ, electronically-distorted metallic vocals, jazz-inspired solos, gentle acoustic guitarising...you name it.

The tracks are all run together so as to provide a continuous stream of music and weird sound effects so that it takes so long (half way through the second side on first hearing) for the record to lose its freshness and charm. Kingdom Come play well, especially Michael Harris on organ, but are not, I think, quite of the standard demanded by such an ambitious project. The key to the album's success (or rather, lack of failure) must lie in Arthur Brown's singing which provides a sustained link throughout the musical meanderings of his group. If everthing else has changed about Brown, his voice has managed to retain its wide range, its hysterical tortured scream, its pained sobbing and its immense power. Still his vocal gyrations would do justice to Screaming Jay Hawkins or James Brown. It is a 'backhanded' tribute to Arthur Brown that the record tends to be somewhat dull when he is removed from the lead vocal spot.

This record is certainly not everyone's, but, despite occasional lapses in power, it is not at all bad - if you like your music with just a suggestion of the avant-garde and not too much innovation, that is. The new Brown must gape by comparison to the old, but he is still worth a listen.

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STUDENTS
Popeye on-the-box

After *Galaxy* this Thursday there's the second programme of the series *Spanish Farm*. It seems a disappointing replacement of the usually excellent plays that played in this spot up till now. For me, they had the old idea that somehow BBC play dramatisations were better than those of the independents- the BBC did *Spanish Farm*, and ITC made the aforesaid plays.

Tonight Whicker hits our screens once again. This time he's doing another batch of the Americans, investigating the alleged 24 million swingings singles in the United States. It's very good - even Whicker seems to realise the mess of the whole situation, of people 'caught between two cultures' - and all the commercialisation of this wealthy, lonely group.

If you're a devout fan of Paul Gallico or you want a good laugh I recommend the *Snow Goose*, which is playing over Easter some time. Whatever you liked (or disliked) about the novel is portrayed faithfully in the very professional television production.

The prime attraction for me over the Easter period is, of course, the Marx brothers in The Big Store - one of their later films (1940). But there's something else worth watching that's on over the same period. It's called *The Point*, an hour long cartoon narrated by Dustin Hoffman. The cartoon style is somewhere between Yellow Submarine and Steamie Street, and the humour, though rather heavy handed at times, is quite appealing. However, the last half-hour lacks any evil character, which makes it a little tedious. Cartoons require good old-fashioned melodrama to make them work.
UNDERWATER

The November, 1972 club trip to the Poor Knights was very successful. We managed to get out to the islands on all but two days of our stay. A group of Americans who were diving near by reaffirmed our belief that the Knights are not a place for inexperienced divers. The discovery of a giant shipwreck deadlines up and down the country and even in Sydney.

Some members returned to the Knights and Xmas and were hosted by Lew Rischbi, one of our founding members. Lew provided his boat for coastal dives and for several trips out to the Knights. Snorkel included bronze whale and, on one dive, several black coral trees.

In late February, 1972 a trip for more experienced divers was held. A chartered catamaran, and us, spent a week visiting the Mercury, Alderman and Mayor and Waita islands, as well as several reefs and rocks in the area. Diving in the region was fantastic - very large knights, groper, a couple of brontes, black coral and more. A port- able compactor on board helped make the trip very successful.

Local diving has been dampened by weather but all coasts have been diveable at some time even though visibility in some areas has been very poor. Main Island is gradually revealing its secrets.

STIRRING

The club executive is making noises in the appropriate quarters on several issues -

The paua closed season and restrictions on amateur scallo divers taking these animals. Although recognizing the need for control measures we are doubtful as to the value of blanket closed seasons in control since pressing by "commercial" divers, will continue. The regulation as it stands appears ill-conceived and valueless.

Another portion of the same regulation forbids the taking of "shells" with scuba and concurrent possession of "shells" and scuba. We are seeking a redlining of the word "shellfish" to grays,

crab, lobster, rock oysters etc., which are covered by special regulations. If these species are covered by special regulations, why the need for a ban on "shells"?

We are also involved in the Poor Knights mining issue. We are seeking a "buffer" boundary of several kilometres between the islands and any possible oil prospecting and drilling operations. We feel such a restriction in the prospecting area is a small price to pay to help ensure the protection of the unique fauna at the Knights.

NORFOLK ISLAND DIVING

Want to spend 2 weeks and $155 diving at Norfolk? Our club includes return airfare and accommodation. Trips start April 6, June 25 and October 8, 1972. Cheap diving gear also available.

TRAINING COURSES

Training courses will commence in May. Both SCUBA and snorkel training will be offered. Each course takes 7-8 weeks at the Freycinet Pool on Tuesday evenings. Fees for the course are yet to be determined but they will be quite reasonable. Further information from the secretary.

EASTER TOURNAMENT

Any body interested in the spearfishing competition who has not already been contacted ring Neville Rees at U.H. 82925. We require assistance with organisation and transport. All of this is to be stored at the Island Bay Marine Lab. Club windscreen stickers 30c.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING U.W.U. UNDERWATER CLUB

is to be held on 20th March 1972 at 7.30pm in K323. Agenda includes:

- General business
- Election of Officers
- Fines and fines
- Stimulating discussion!

From the Gym

Games played on Monday 13th March resulted in wins for Physics, Education, Physics and Chemistry. Championship points today:

- Physics 8
- Staff 6
- Chemistry 5
- Maths 5
- English 5
- Education 5
- History 2
- Geography 2

Games played on Wednesday 15th March, Results as follows:

- Education drew with Staff 4-4
- Economics beat English 16-1
- History beat Geography 4-3
- Physics beat Chemistry 9-5
- Law beat Maths 6-3

Accumulative points to date:

- Chemistry 2
- Economics 2
- Education 4
- English 2
- Geography 5
- History 5
- Law 2
- Maths 2
- Physics 2
- Staff 6

Physical Welfare Staff will still accept your team for inter-mural Volley Ball. Enter a team or leave your name and phone number with one of the affiliation experts at the gym.

LEAGUE

1972 will see the club in its 5th year of existence. The club will be playing in the Senior I competition. New signings include Bill More, a former Otago player; Alastair Harding and Ronnie Tomokou have come over from Westside Premiers to play for us. With this team we are confident of another championship. We are looking forward to hearing from old members and new.

SWIMMING

Swami Venkatesananda is travelling around New Zealand giving lectures on the yoga sutras and the Bhagavad Gita. He is a fascinating man and gives to yoga a reality often lost by some of its advocates. His lectures on the yoga sutras (yoga philosophy) retained the simplicity that Patanjali outlined down C.300 BC and yet he directed them at the age we live in today. He believes we make our lives far too complicated and stresses the need to discover a more simple life, "Meditation sitting in front of a blank wall is only for the stupid.

Swami took a group for pranayama in the gymnasium. Pranayama is the discipline of the life force. It is derived from 'prana' meaning energy and 'yama' meaning discipline. There are eight pranayamatras: b Jesse, Sharmi, Kapalabhati,

YOGA

Swami Venkatesananda is taking a breathing exercise in the gym.

"CAN I STAY AT YOUR PLACE?"

The WINTER TOURNAMENT, which is the club's main event of the year, is being held on 20th to 25th of August. This year's secretary of Winter Sports is Alastair Harding.

BILLETES NEEDED

1000 people arrive 31st mar. and leave 4th April. They need bed and breakfast, phone 70 319 (day) or 48 564 (after 5pm) if you can help.
CUT OUT THE CLAP ACTION GUIDE

FOOD
Don’t buy food with excessive packaging. Refuse paper bags unless absolutely necessary. “Free Gifts” and competitions might be fun but they make food more expensive. Try not to buy food in plastic containers, especially in plastic bags. If you’ve got a garden, or even a window ledge - grow your own.

You don’t need more than one big meal each day (best in the morning). OVEREATING is the enemy of the body and of sharing. Especially sharing with the undernourished. Buy foods in bulk. But don’t forget that the more you have in your cupboard, the more you eat. Support the students FOOD CO-OP - press for a wider range of goods, press for a fulltime, non-profit, shop. Unrefined oats of BREAD are preferable to cut loaves. Make your own. Wholemeal flour is not as cheap as refined flour but it is much better. And the more people buying, the cheaper it will become.

Chapati is easiest - flour, water, salt, rolled thin, baked ten minutes.

All power pollutes - including electricity - so have as many salads as you can stand. Nothing is better cooked than raw. Well maybe potatoes. But remember, power is money, money is work, power is pollution.

WATER
Save water don’t waste it. Shower don’t bath. Do you really want to swim in your own dirt?
Don’t run the cold tap while brushing your teeth. Grow a beard - save effort, money on razors, soap, water.
Salt and tobacco makes you thirsty. Thirst quenching necessitates too much pining equals eating inefficiently.

OTHER SHOPPING
You don’t need electric GADGETS round the kitchen. Unless you’re disabled. There is no such thing as a time saving device.

Don’t use DETERGENTS that are non bio-degradable (i.e. use those which are eaten by bacteria, etc).
Sunlight soap in a shaker is better than most detergents. And much cheaper.

A recent survey has proved that people who use TOOTHPASTE regularly suffer more from tooth decay than those who never use it.

SHAMPOO’s are mostly frauds - certainly there’s no additive that will ‘enrich’ hair. Again “Sunsillet” will do, rinse well.

POLITICAL
Do you know about family planning?
Does your cousin in Eketahuna?
If you want to have more than two CHILDREN, ADOPT them. Especially adopt a child or two from a different race, born in N.Z. or in Asia.

Oppose building encroachment on parks.
Oppose legislation for more MOTORWAYS, especially in the city.
The Wellington motorway is surely a monstrosity, beyond bureaucratic control.
Suggest improvements in public transport facilities.
Think of ways to improve and build up this university community - think of ways to improve your city.

CARS
Don’t drive them when you can walk or cycle. Support the dying buses.
If you live miles out, operate a CAR POOL, don’t all have cars.
If you must have a car, have a small one.
Don’t be bound by organisation or other peoples times.
Walk everywhere. If you want to get there in a hurry, run.
TAXIS don’t fill a demand, they create an imaginary one.
There’s nothing worth hurrying for, though there are things worth leaving early for.

ACCOMMODATION
There are dozens of empty houses near the university and more far from it. Sleep in them, eat, work, and wash at university.
SQUAT in them, even illegally, until they make it legal or find more houses.
When you do find satisfactory accommodation, don’t forget those who haven’t.

Tell your maiden aunt to leave her four bedroom house in Island Bay or Kilburn, and join or start an OLDIES COMMUNE
Fill the nearly empty houses, and you’ll also be solving the old people’s problems, of loneliness and inconvenience and high costs.

RECYCLING
What do you know about recycling? What does anybody know?
In the U.S., hippies and eco freaks have started recycling factories and processes.
One firm boasts that no more trees are cut down to be made into their cigarette papers - they use only recycled paper.
Another firm even make small amounts of SCRAP tin cans, etc, to be recycled.
Help stop the rape of the earth. Don’t accumulate waste and don’t make it.
Throw all organic scraps onto the COMPOST.

CLOTHING
Don’t burn your bra, put it on the compost, for ecology, as well as liberation.
Resist the anti-human fashion exploitation industry.
(weave clothback!) Breast feed, don’t start the baby on the bottle, the sterilisers, and the milk factories.

You can think of lots more. Be aware, be ACTIVIST DON’T leave it to “the Authorities” anywhere. They’re mostly old and self interested. They have no conception of the enormity of THIS PROBLEM, and would not in any case have the faintest notion how to set about solving it.
Rubbish these ideas if you think they’re rubbish. Suggest better, suggest more.
Be aware, be ACTIVIST.

‘Economize on everything except education’
ATHLETICS: evans bay
track
1.30pm.
sat. mon.

SURFRIDING: lyall bay
meet 7.45am
"the corner"

TENNIS: unicourts, fri - mon 9am.

CRICKET: karori park.
wed, thurs, sat, sun, mon,
10.30am.

BILLIARDS: regent billiard rooms
manners street. sun 9.30am.

ROWING: harbour dependent on weather.

SHOOTING: seddon range, trentham
sat, mon 8.30am.

SWIMMING: thornidon pool - friday afternoon,
sat, sun morning.
freyberg pool - sunday evening,
monday morning.

VOLLEYBALL: uni gym. sat and sun 9 am

WATERPOLO: thornidon, fri evening. sat - sun
morning.

YACHTING: royal port nicholson yacht club.
sat, sun, 10 am and 12 pm.
mon, 10.30 am.

CAR TRIALS:
saturday 9.00 am university car
park kelburn parade - day rally.
sunday 6.00 pm university car
park kelburn parade - night rally.
monday 10.00 am te marua stock
car track - gymkhana.

FRIDAY:
31ST MARCH

team captains and blues panel
reception. smoking lounge union
building 6.00pm.

"dangle". 8.00pm - 12.00pm
music by triangle. prize: drinkers $1
non drinkers 40c.

SATURDAY:
1ST APRIL

"balls up" 9.00pm - 1.00am.
in the union cafe.
music by
price: drinkers $1. non drinkers 40c
nuzac with sound and light. in union
hall 8.00pm.
presenting electric circus
tambourine
eheli, triangle, mammal
price: students $1, non students
$1.50

SUNDAY:
2ND APRIL

"and on the seventh day thou
shall rest"

MONDAY:
3RD APRIL

tournament ball at the university
union building 9.00pm - 2.00am
music by taylor, 5th movement.
price: $7 double.